

you. I hope that I may be of much service to you and in order that I may be so, I will be glad to entertain suggestions from any one interested in our work. My purpose is, and daily prayer to God that I may be able to develop and direct the energy of the young people of the Brethren church, so that the Young People's Society of the Brethren church may, in time become the great evangelistic and missionary force in the Brethren church.

What I shall write from week to week is merely suggestive. Each society can use it or not use it. If you have something better than we suggest why not let us put it in this department for the good of others? Do not keep it and use it alone, when other societies may be using it as effectively as you. 'Tis true, charity begins at home; but it should not remain there. To keep your effective methods would be selfishness pure and simple; and selfishness will prove the bane of any society.

The importance and the responsibility of the Missionary Committee can not be overestimated. This committee voices the claims of the whole world. Upon this committee also, is devolved the duty of educating the society, and in most cases the whole church, so that they shall fully realize their responsibility to send the gospel to the whole world.

In order that this committee may best do its work and discharge its responsibility, it should arrange for a special missionary service each month and should endeavor to make this meeting the most interesting and effective service of the month. To help this committee do this is the purpose of this article and succeeding ones.

On our topic cards a missionary meeting has been suggested for about once in three months. This arrangement has been made not because missions were considered in any way unimportant, but because the topics were arranged for the "average society." But shall we not raise this average? Can any one say that once each month is too often for a missionary service if it be made interesting and effective? There are many persons in each church that would take an active interest in missions if missions were only brought to their attention. This is the opportunity to reach such, and we must make the most of it. The lack of interest in missions has no greater cause than a lack of knowledge of what the Bible says about missions and of the work of missions in general. "Where no wood is there the fire goeth out."

I think best therefore that we should arrange for a special missionary service each month. Some special subject or country should be selected and made known a month beforehand. The subject should be divided and topics assigned for study and preparation. The list of active members should be consulted and care should be taken that your best speakers and writers should not all be placed upon the same program. Make such choice of material that your service will be interesting, and the whole society will get

the advantage of the needed study of missions from time to time.

The leader of this service should be chosen with the greatest care. The members of the committee may lead in turn. But whoever the leader is, he should be well acquainted with the subject for the evening, know the topic assigned to the different persons, so as, in case of an absence, to be able to bring out any essential part that might otherwise be omitted.

The subjects should be planned with a view to giving a comprehensive idea of mission work. Because of the great need of the foreign field, two-thirds of the topics should be upon Foreign missions and one-third upon Home missions. For the present, however, this order may be reversed and the most of our time be spent upon the consideration of Home missions. Our mission points—Chicago, Washington, Dayton, etc.,—can be studied as well as others that will suggest themselves where mission work could be done by the Brethren church. The Great West as a mission field can well engage our attention for several meetings. We can consider the great need of all these places and how meet them. How workers and funds can be raised, how best do the work, etc. Such in outline is the work that I hope our societies can soon be doing. I hope that all committees appointed will note these things well and thus be prepared for what shall follow. We do not expect to begin work at once. We will get ready first, then work. May God bless each society in its present work.

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The Mission Field

For Washington City Church Property

Sister L. L. Tombaugh, per Brother Cassel, (Paid)	\$ 1 00
Mrs Henry Livengood, Milledgeville, Ills.,	2 00
Alice Livengood,	1 00
Previously reported,	552 03
Total,	\$556 03
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It has been some time since I have written my accustomed letter, but some how King Cold laid hold of my throat, so I could not get out. But I had many seasons of refreshing from above, I had much time to pray and think. Praise the Lord how good he is. I am quite well now except my throat is not clear—hoarseness. Pray for me that I may be able to teach God's truths to precious souls. There is much sickness here. But the worst sickness is sin. Yesterday afternoon a man dropped into the mission and made inquiry about the church and services, then began about himself, repeating a shower of complaints and said he was almost crazed with trouble and burdens. He promised to come in later to service, *surely* he would not fail to be there, but he broke his promise more easily than he made it. We

would that he had come for we know that he would have learned something that would have showed him where to cast his burdens. If all the broken promises that are given to come into God's sanctuary and hear His word are written down and kept account of there will be volumes of broken promises. How strange it is that so many think nothing of not keeping their word in regard to the question of their salvation. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Take it in business matters. A man or a woman makes a promise to be at a certain place at a certain time to transact worldly affairs or to attend to the secular matters of this life, if they would break their promise as often and as easy, their bread and butter would not be very plentiful. But what is that in comparison to breaking God's precepts? For in His Son we have the bread of eternal life.

RUNNING AFTER THE DEVIL

One afternoon after being out scattering circulars and inviting people to the Mission, I called on a brother and sister remaining for the evening meal which was very much enjoyed with pleasant associations. I started for home, getting several blocks away I saw a young man sitting on the curb stone and moaning. With the Lord's help I stepped up to him and gave him our Mission card, and going back a few paces to ascertain the location and what kind of place I was in, for sometimes such schemes are planned for robbery and harm, and having the assurance that the Holy Spirit was leading me and Christ was there, the everlasting arms were underneath me, I went back to him and asked him what was the matter. He moaned out, "Oh God." I asked him again. He seemed reluctant to tell me. Finally he said, "I must tell some one! I got hurt by the street car, I can't walk." "How did you get over here?" "I crawled." He did not know whether his leg was broken or not. After trying some little time to find out how it happened, telling him that I was one of God's children and would help him if I could, he hesitatingly told me. "I was down here in a saloon and they shouted out, *big, free lunch* at the saloon over there, and we were running to see who would get there first and the street car struck me, I fell and the rest went on." "Too bad, I am very sorry for you, young man, who do you suppose it was that tempted you to be at the saloon?" "Oh the devil." And he hung his head and groaned with pain and anguish. He looked up and said, "Yes I was running after the devil and see what I got." I answered, "Satan is a sure pay master, but his wages always bring pain and sorrow." I asked him if he felt anything urging him not to come? At first he did not know, then he said, "Yes I thought of my mother; she and I live alone, no one but us, and she does not want me to do this way." I said, "While you are in the dark and cannot see those things as I can, but that was the Holy Spirit leading you to go home and you would not."